

The mission of the Airport is to develop the airport system on a self-sustaining and fiscally sound basis; and to maintain, develop and enhance capital investments in the City of Wichita's airport facilities.

Overview

Airport facilities include Wichita Mid-Continent Airport and Jabara Airport. Mid-Continent is a commercial service airport that handles more than one million passengers per year. Thirteen airlines operate offer non-stop service to 11 major city destinations, with a total of 56 departures on an average business day. In addition to the passenger airlines, there are five all-cargo airlines that move approximately 30,000 tons of cargo a year. General aviation accounts for 75 percent of the total air traffic at Mid-Continent Airport. Jabara Airport is a general aviation reliever airport on the east side of Wichita that provides fueling and aircraft services to corporate and private aircraft.

Airport operations are governed by the Airport Authority, which by Charter Ordinance is composed of the members of the Wichita City Council. The Director of Airports, reporting to the City Manager, handles operational management of the airports. In addition, a 13 member Wichita Airport Advisory Board provides advice to the City Council regarding strategic airport issues.

The Airport Authority owns all land and facilities located on both airports except for Federal government facilities. Approximately 165 leases are managed with entities such as fixed based operators, manufacturers, aircraft/flight service agencies, car rental agencies, airlines, concession operators, the hotel operator, the parking lot manager and the Federal government. The lease revenue, along with Federal grants and passenger facility charges (dedicated to Airport Capital Improvements) make it possible for the airports to operate without property tax subsidies.



An average of 49 flights a day (excluding weekends) departs Mid-Continent Airport.

Finance and Operations

Airport operations are funded entirely by user fees. Revenues are comprised primarily of tenant rentals, flight fees and concessions. In addition, the Airport generates revenue through the sale of utilities to tenants. In the next few years, the Special Facility bonds issued to finance several Airport buildings will begin maturing. This will result in the negotiation of facility leases on buildings, which will represent a new revenue source. Overall decreases in expenditure budgets are expected, the result of the gradual payout of existing debt service obligations.

The Airport is organized into five areas: Administration, Engineering, Building Maintenance, Airfield Maintenance and Security. Financial and managerial oversight, as well as clerical support are included in Administration. Engineering staff work with the Airport Improvement Plan and support construction projects at the Airport.

Airfield Maintenance manage a wide variety of outdoor maintenance, including the surfaced areas of the tarmac (runways and taxiways) and landscaped areas. Vehicle maintenance is also managed by this work group, as well as snow removal in the winter months.

Building Maintenance is responsible for over 350,000 square feet, including the terminal building. Staff maintain the electrical distribution system, computerized boilers, the airfield lighting system, and the airfield surface sensor system, as well as plumbing, electrical and ventilation systems. Custodial services are provided, primarily in the terminal building and the administration building.

The Airport is required to maintain security on Airport property, based on FAA regulations, the Airport Certification Manual and the Airport Security Plan. Security consists of 46 positions (30 commissioned), which provide security, law enforcement and crash rescue service 24 hours a day. In addition, the Security Division is responsible for issuing security passes to applicable Airport personnel.

A large portion of the overall operational duties of the Airport is associated with compliance with Federal safety and environmental mandates. Regulations relate to many facets of the operation such as airfield lighting systems, airfield pavements, the computer-controlled access security system, underground storage tanks, storm water runoff control and hazardous materials disposal.

Wichita Airfares

On May 8, 2002, AirTran Airways began new daily nonstop service to Wichita Mid-Continent Airport. Wichita is AirTran's furthestmost western stop and their 38th destination. AirTran offers three daily nonstop flights between Wichita and Atlanta and two between Wichita and Chicago (Midway), with connections to dozen of additional destinations. "The City of Wichita is thrilled to welcome AirTran Airways. Business leaders and members of this community have fought hard to bring a quality, low fare carrier to our City," said Mayor Bob Knight. "AirTran Airways provides affordable access to dozens of markets across the country, and we are confident that this will be a key component in the continued economic growth of our business." The following table shows the impact of AirTran's arrival to the Wichita Market.

Destination	AirTran		Average Cost					
			Walk-up		Advance Purchase		W/U % Change	A/P % Change
	Advance Walk-up	Purchase	** Prior to 2/28/02	* Current	** Prior to 2/28/02	* Current		
Atlanta	\$376.50	\$165.00	\$1,165.41	\$541.17	\$598.42	\$379.33	-53.6%	-36.6%
Chicago	\$245.00	\$135.00	\$1,483.33	\$304.36	\$1,192.67	\$164.33	-79.5%	-86.2%
Washington, DC (Dulles)	\$476.50	\$194.50	\$1,666.50	\$666.00	\$893.83	\$409.67	-60.0%	-54.2%
New York (La Guardia)	\$475.00	\$215.00	\$988.42	\$647.67	\$723.08	\$547.33	-34.5%	-24.3%
Orlando	\$435.00	\$195.00	\$1,663.08	\$446.67	\$1,176.78	\$708.00	-73.1%	-39.8%
Boston	\$478.00	\$218.00	\$1,769.50	\$1,033.50	\$909.08	\$709.67	-41.6%	-21.9%
Philadelphia	\$476.50	\$206.50	\$1,666.50	\$577.50	\$905.17	\$196.50	-65.3%	-78.3%
Tampa	\$435.00	\$195.00	\$1,934.58	\$423.50	\$1,236.62	\$196.00	-78.1%	-84.2%

* "Current" walk-up (W/U) and advance purchase (A/P) fares were researched on 6/4/2002

"Current" walk-up fares were for roundtrip travel on 6/5/2002

"Current" advance purchase Fares were for roundtrip travel on 6/18/2002

"Current" fare quotes include all applicable taxes and passenger facility charges

** "Prior" walk-up (W/U) and advance purchase (A/P) fares were researched on 11/9/2001

"Prior" walk-up fares were for roundtrip travel on 11/10/2001

"Prior" advance purchase fares were for roundtrip travel on 12/10/2002

In April 1998, the Airport received approval from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to extend the current Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) program through 2004. Revenue from a \$3 PFC on each enplaning passenger will be used to fund a total of \$16 million in Federally eligible capital projects to enhance the safety, security, and capacity of the air transportation system. PFC collections of approximately \$2 million per year will be combined with FAA Airport Improvement Program grants averaging \$5 million annually, to ensure that airport facilities are safe, secure and well maintained.

Capital projects completed within the last few years that most directly impact the traveling public include the remodel of the terminal restaurant area, which also involved a move to name brand food choices. In addition, both the long-term public parking lot and the rental car ready lot were expanded. The Terminal Building doors were replaced, a CIP project budgeted at nearly \$1 million. Airport tenant projects included facilities constructed by the aircraft manufacturers and fixed based operators. Several major and important capital projects are planned for the near future, including a remodel of the terminal building concourses and the security checkpoint area.

Highlights

- ✓ Airport security has been enhanced with the addition of 15 security officers in 2002 and additional contractual employees.
- ✓ The addition of Air Tran Airways and Frontier Jet Express service to the Wichita has dramatically increased passenger traffic at the Airport, as well as lower air fare costs.
- ✓ The Administration Section of the Airport has been reorganized, with the elimination of the Director - Airport Administration and the creation of an Administrative Assistant position.

Airport Fund Budget Summary					
	2001 Actual	2002 Adopted	2002 Revised	2003 Adopted	2004 Approved
Airport Fund Revenue	14,757,524	14,870,600	13,946,100	15,014,100	15,101,400
Personal Services	4,701,903	4,751,520	5,196,970	5,450,230	5,754,330
Contractual Services	2,291,558	2,720,010	3,101,150	2,945,670	2,677,000
Commodities	546,166	770,790	764,840	763,310	753,710
Capital Outlay	178,691	243,700	263,300	493,990	476,000
Other	4,635,440	1,311,370	986,370	1,307,330	1,609,570
Total Airport Fund Expenditures	12,353,758	9,797,390	10,312,630	10,960,530	11,270,610
Airport Fund Balance	22,237,395	25,580,713	23,733,475	25,912,895	27,876,545
Total full-time positions	112	95	112	112	112
Total part-time positions	4	4	4	4	4
Total FTE positions	113.25	96.25	113.25	113.25	113.25



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